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AGRICULTURE AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1952

		CROP YEAR 1951 (1 Aug.1951 - 31 July,1952)	CROP YEAR 1952 (1 Aug. 1952 - 31 July,1953)	CROP YEAR 1952 (4 Mos.Ending Nov. 27,1952)	CROP YEAR 1953 (4 Mos.Ending Dec. 2,1953)	PERCENTAGE (4 MOS.) INC. %	DEC. %
Farmers' Marketings: Country Elevator and Platform Loadings: (1)							
WHEAT	Bushels.	132,433,000	137,776,000	54,767,000	47,214,000		13.79
OTHER GRAINS	Bushels.	90,886,000	102,981,000	40,224,000	28,144,000		30.03
Oats	Bushels.	41,383,000	37,318,000	12,857,000	11,040,000		14.13
Barley	Bushels.	44,738,000	59,237,000	23,704,000	14,401,000		39.25
Rye	Bushels.	3,690,000	4,578,000	2,273,000	1,352,000		40.52
Flaxseed	Bushels.	1,075,000	1,848,000	1,390,000	1,351,000		2.81
		1951 (12 Mos.)	1952 (12 Mos.)	1952 (11 Mos.)	1953 (11 Mos.)	PERCENTAGE (11 MOS.) INC.%	DEC.%
Flour Mills (8 firms) - Gross Sales -	$.	27,084,262	29,582,681	27,160,381	27,658,559	1.83	
Production -	Barrels.	3,523,790	3,574,585	3,306,740	3,143,453		4.94
	Value $.	33,082,390	31,790,297	29,290,603	30,762,657	5.03	
Creamery Butter (2) - Production -	Lbs.	28,960,087	27,659,868	26,472,843	28,571,653	7.93	
	Value $.	17,766,086	16,250,172	15,523,121	16,520,822	6.43	
Factory Cheese (2) - Production -	Lbs.	2,079,895	2,022,391	1,928,870	2,621,482	35.91	
	Value $.	830,570	672,445	641,583	859,042	33.89	
Dairy Factories - Gross Sales -	$.	30,072,663	32,549,433	31,348,510	34,487,919	10.01	

(1) Source: Grain Statistics Weekly, D.B.S.

(2) Source: Dairy Branch, Alberta Department of Agriculture.

AGRICULTURE AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1952

			1951 (12 Mos.)	1952 (12 Mos.)	1952 (11 Mos.)	1953 (11 Mos.)	PERCENTAGE (11 MOS.) INC.%	PERCENTAGE (11 MOS.) DEC.%
Packing Plants	Gross Sales	$.	101,787,039	118,110,263	103,928,282	103,982,202	.05	
	Production - Meat -	Lbs.	197,161,551	272,152,774	236,398,264	262,859,252	11.19	
		Value $.	83,298,451	83,362,658	73,415,455	77,522,648	5.59	
	Exports - Cattle -	No.of Hd.	26,880	25,713	25,620	2,192		91.44
		Value $.	7,268,803	5,372,482	5,370,940	360,584		93.29
	Calves -	No.of Hd.	2,678	3,315	3,007	1,836		38.94
		Value $.	261,038	228,100	203,047	97,804		51.83
	Sheep & Lambs -	No.of Hd.	11,078	6,670	6,660	336		94.95
		Value $.	357,412	160,786	154,116	6,343		95.88
	Swine -	No.of Hd.	74,668	72,385	68,608	46,862		31.70
		Value $.	3,928,318	2,906,387	2,762,032	2,108,324		23.67
	Meat -	No.of Lbs	94,953,022	137,653,730	118,264,328	130,902,912	10.69	
		Value $.	40,377,286	42,206,559	36,848,680	38,869,986	5.49	
LIVE STOCK MARKETINGS: (1)	Cattle -	No.of Hd.	393,870	382,637	340,853	433,129	27.07	
		Value $.	106,206,190	77,369,241	70,458,210	67,999,884		3.49
	Calves -	No.of Hd.	95,404	84,332	71,568	104,208	45.61	
		Value $.	9,619,427	5,890,750	4,828,550	5,774,410	19.59	
	Swine -	No.of Hd.	957,773	1,362,142	1,110,300	1,278,234	15.13	
		Value $.	51,453,055	54,407,587	44,786,218	57,495,591	28.38	
	Sheep & Lambs -	No.of Hd.	96,924	133,086	119,573	102,098		14.61
		Value $.	2,894,212	2,824,455	2,591,849	1,942,322		25.06
EXPORTS: (2)	Horses -	No.of Hd.	5,796	1,923	1,745	3,921	124.70	
		Value $.	249,175	97,224	88,048	218,341	147.98	
	Cattle -	No.of Hd.	204,644	153,915	140,104	204,164	45.72	
		Value $.	55,089,213	30,670,339	28,388,347	31,970,492	12.62	

(1) Source: Commercial Livestock Output Report - November Volume 23, Number 11, Dept. of Agriculture - Ottawa - (Number of head only)
(2) Source: Livestock Branch - Alberta Dept. of Agriculture - (Number of head only)

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER, 30, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1952

			1951 (12 Mos.)	1952 (12 Mos.)	1952 (11 Mos.)	1953 (11 Mos.)	PERCENTAGE (11 MOS.)	
							INC.%	DEC.%
Coal	(1) Production	Tons.	7,661,276	7,194,472	6,444,887	5,237,005		18.74
		Value $.	41,000,953	39,974,318	35,903,402	28,450,794		20.76
Salt	Production	Tons.	19,770	24,388	22,128	22,832	3.18	
Petroleum Products Refined -	Gross Sales	$.	82,661,515	103,790,871	101,838,425	109,841,027	7.86	
Propane	Production	Gallons.	8,699,409	11,818,838	10,456,630	13,770,287	31.69	
	Sales	Gallons.	8,555,895	12,324,888	10,980,554	13,888,219	26.48	
Butane	Production	Gallons.	2,958,433	4,907,969	4,398,788	6,317,680	43.62	
	Sales	Gallons.	945,721	2,781,493	2,467,377	2,939,230	19.12	
Sulphur	Production	Tons.	-	8,932	7,597	16,319	114.81	
	Sales	Tons.	-	4,225	4,208 ☆	13,129 ☆	-	-
Clay Products	Gross Sales	$.	3,694,019	3,721,742	3,296,063	3,345,508	1.50	
Cement & Cement Products	Gross Sales	$.	9,032,198	11,852,345	10,256,754	14,810,054	44.39	
Cement	Production	Barrels.	1,682,417	1,907,792	1,608,057	2,868,775	78.40	
		Value $.	3,978,948	4,828,185	4,048,112	7,330,679	81.09	
Lime	Gross Sales	$.	443,714	516,841	355,015	296,480		16.49
	Production	Tons.	30,669	34,306	12,403	10,302		16.94
		Value $.	399,870	479,692	130,563	130,365		.15

☆ Figures not comparable: Sales began in June, 1952.

(1) Source: Mines Division, Department of Mines and Minerals, Alberta.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1952

				1 9 5 1 (12 Mos.)	1 9 5 2 (12 Mos.)	1 9 5 2 (10 Mos.)	1 9 5 3 (10 Mos.)	PERCENTAGE (10 MOS.) INC.%	PERCENTAGE (10 MOS.) DEC.%
Petroleum	(1)	Production	Barrels.	45,915,384	58,915,723	47,967,423	62,039,973	29.34	
		Value of Sales	$.	115,809,221	139,657,915	113,989,808	153,837,198	34.96	
Natural Gas	(1)	Production	M.C.F.	85,380,121	95,697,432	75,693,131	89,118,490	17.74	
Petroleum-Crude & Refined	(2)	Imports	Gallons.	37,775,684	58,889,974	47,151,389	56,823,720	20.51	
		Exports	Gallons.	1,210,574,465	1,573,143,989	1,272,069,553	1,595,053,726	25.39	
Petroleum Products Refined	(2)	Production	Gallons.	551,362,978	682,094,238	562,978,469	578,753,948	2.80	
		Imports	Gallons.	5,383,642	10,509,239	8,756,326	14,308,153	63.40	
		Exports	Gallons.	162,117,937	184,651,859	142,176,514	133,153,573		6.35
Natural Gasoline	(1)	Production	Barrels.	515,027	579,873	465,019	483,128	3.89	
		Value of Sales	$.	1,663,854	1,662,514	1,340,418	1,398,359	4.32	

(1) Source: Alberta Oil and Gas Industry, October, Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board.

(2) Source: Fuel Oil Tax Branch, Department of Provincial **Secretary**, Alberta.

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PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1952

			1951 (12 Mos.)	1952 (12 Mos.)	1952 (11 Mos.)	1953 (11 Mos.)	PERCENTAGE (11 MOS.) INC.%	DEC.%
Forestry (Crown Lands)	- Production	Lumber-ft.b.m.	374,524,000	410,000,000	345,931,000	372,199,000	7.59	
		Value $.	14,980,960	16,400,000	13,837,200	14,888,000	7.59	
Total Value of Lumber and Other Forestry Products		$.	18,054,286	19,700,000	17,137,000	18,188,000	6.13	
Fisheries (9 Mos.)	- Production (1)	Lbs.	8,399,088	9,656,981	6,770,040	8,103,270	19.69	
		Value $.	862,327	942,888	655,975	732,247	11.63	
Fur (Wild Life)	- Trapped	No. of Pelts.	1,720,214	2,021,690	1,778,792	1,366,350		23.19
		Value $.	2,460,053	1,751,874	1,628,520	1,365,416		16.16
Wholesale Trade	- Gross Sales	$.	487,932,105	548,568,468	483,826,506	516,033,537	6.66	
Machine Companies	- Gross Sales	$.	180,438,436	220,446,060	75,744,802	71,193,957		6.01
Miscellaneous Machinery Service & Supplies	- Gross Sales	$.	(See Machine Companies)		95,525,692	85,316,001		10.69
Bank Clearings		$.	2,963,850,119	3,594,105,352	3,260,788,067	3,615,963,737	10.89	

PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1952

			1951 (12 Mos.)	1952 (12 Mos.)	1952 (10 Mos.)	1953 (10 Mos.)	PERCENTAGE (10 MOS.) INC.%	DEC.%
Retail Trade	- Gross Sales (2)	$.	854,785,000	944,123,000	765,460,000	802,435,000	4.83	
New Motor Vehicles	- Gross Sales (3)	No.	36,958	41,189	34,728	37,777	8.78	
		Value $.	88,715,064	103,107,790	87,082,465	94,161,027	8.13	
Bank Debits (4)		$.	6,241,574,585	7,857,888,767	6,426,303,000	7,441,692,000	15.80	
Customs' Duty Receipts (Jan.-Sept. inclusive)		$.	10,990,155	14,835,809	10,392,983	13,333,951	28.30	
Electric Power	- Consumption (5)	K.W.Hrs.	1,021,077,000	1,163,293,000	938,244,000	1,068,116,000	13.84	

(1) Source: Fish and Game Branch; Department of Lands and Forests, Alberta.
(2) Source: Retail Trade Vol. XXV, No. 10, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(3) Source: New Motor Vehicle Sales and Motor Vehicle Financing, Vol. XXV, No. 10, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(4) Source: Cheques Cashed in Clearing Centres, Vol. 30, No. 10, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(5) Source: Central Electric Stations, Vol. 21, 1953, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

CONSTRUCTION - ALBERTA

PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER, 30, 1951, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1952.

		1951 (12 Mos.)	1952 (12 Mos.)	1952 (11 Mos.)	1953 (11 Mos.)	PERCENTAGE (11 MOS.) INC.%	PERCENTAGE (11 MOS.) DEC.%
BUILDING PERMITS:							
CALGARY	Number	3,293	5,330	5,066	4,833		4.60
	Value $.	22,361,790	52,796,622	37,215,454	41,309,871	11.00	
EDMONTON	Number	5,343	5,967	5,786	6,927	19.72	
	Value $.	36,394,684	37,066,526	34,527,670	54,133,532	56.78	
LETHBRIDGE	Number	591	734	714	688		3.64
	Value $.	4,820,675	4,741,855	4,591,455	7,236,491	57.61	
MEDICINE HAT	Number	318	496	484	461		4.75
	Value $.	1,569,625	2,351,585	2,252,145	2,982,470	32.43	
RED DEER	Number	199	328	323	360	11.46	
	Value $.	1,002,590	2,275,801	2,255,301	3,791,450	68.11	
DRUMHELLER	Number	50	53	53	58	9.43	
	Value $.	134,085	287,740	287,740	122,540		57.41
WETASKIWIN	Number	73	106	103	134	30.10	
	Value $.	153,947	565,000	555,500	1,279,840	130.39	
TOTAL - (7 CITIES)	NUMBER	9,867	13,014	12,529	13,461	7.44	
	VALUE $.	66,437,396	100,085,129	81,685,265	110,856,194	35.71	
CONTRACTS AWARDED - ALBERTA: (1)							
RESIDENTIAL	Number	3,945	5,095	4,846	6,624	36.69	
	Value $.	37,423,200	55,240,100	52,610,100	78,912,800	50.00	
BUSINESS	Number	724	773	732	841	14.89	
	Value $.	53,655,000	56,964,900	55,298,200	58,241,200	5.32	
INDUSTRIAL	Number	75	95	84	113	34.52	
	Value $.	53,207,700	32,718,200	32,558,200	7,272,100		77.66
ENGINEERING	Number	275	206	201	329	63.68	
	Value $.	38,789,200	87,409,000	87,157,700	64,027,800		26.54
TOTAL - -	NUMBER	5,019	6,169	5,863	7,907	34.86	
	VALUE $.	183,075,100	232,332,200	227,624,200	208,453,900		8.42

(1) Source: Building Reporter, December, 1953, published by Maclean Building Reports Limited.

VISITORS TO NATIONAL PARKS & RESERVES - ALBERTA

PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1952

	1951 (12 Mos.)	1952 (12 Mos.)	1952 (11 Mos.)	1953 (11 Mos.)	PERCENTAGE (11 MOS.)	
					INCREASE %	DECREASE %.
Banff - - - - - - - - - - - -	471,908	591,036	576,910	647,388	12.22	
Elk Island - - - - - - - - - -	141,211	131,701	131,251	174,423	32.89	
Jasper - - - - - - - - - - - -	99,172	109,467	108,697	132,254	21.67	
Waterton Lakes - - - - - - -	164,908	195,562	195,562	206,587	5.64	
TOTAL - - - - -	877,199	1,027,766	1,012,420	1,160,652	14.64	

(1) AUTOMOBILES ENTERING CUSTOMS' STATIONS FOR TOURING PURPOSES - ALBERTA

PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1952

	1951 (12 Mos.)	1952 (12 Mos.)	1952 (11 Mos.)	1953 (11 Mos.)	PERCENTAGE (11 MOS.)	
					INCREASE %	DECREASE %
Aden - - - - - - - - - - - - -	271	335	306	336	9.80	
Carway - - - - - - - - - - - -	10,651	13,070	12,968	15,712	21.16	
Chief Mountain - - - - - - - -	12,396	12,161	12,161	11,289		7.17
Coutts - - - - - - - - - - - -	28,188	34,353	32,251	36,799	14.10	
Del Bonita - - - - - - - - - -	2,430	2,100	1,947	1,318		32.31
Wild Horse - - - - - - - - - -	547	571	541	657	21.44	
TOTAL - - - -	54,483	62,590	60,174	66,111	9.87	

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(1) Source: Travel between Canada and the United States - Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

DETAILS OF ALBERTA REFINERIES' PRODUCTION

OCTOBER - 1953

FIRMS DESIGNATED AS:	GASOLINE GALS.	DIESEL FUEL GALS	KEROSENE GALS.	OTHER FUEL GALS.	MISC. FUEL GALS.	TOTAL GALS.
A-	2,945,005	1,149,295		1,859,690	527,100	6,481,090
AA-	4,405,170	1,152,060	3,920	832,090	-	6,393,240
B-	256,340	-	-	-	-	256,340
BB-	35,289	115,141	101,204	123,703	17,500	392,837
C-	1,608,299	756,244	257,041 ☆	393,828	-	2,501,330
E-	-	-	-	768,305	-	768,305
G-	203,601	449,083		6,206,540	-	6,859,224
H-	5,759,802	452,999	12,570 ☆	976,174	-	7,176,405
J-	16,172,405	4,927,951	265,829	4,005,041	-	25,371,226
K-	-	-	-	4,140	-	4,140
L-	1,098,580	-	-	-	-	1,098,580
M-	7,665	20,825	19,005	289,870	-	337,365
N-	4,318,440	334,460	7,280 ☆	1,137,850	145,565	5,929,035
O-	2,027	-	-	170,695	-	172,722
TOTAL	36,812,623	9,358,058	113,067	16,767,926	690,165	63,741,839

☆ Adjustment - Deduct.

WHOLESALE TRADE - ALBERTA

PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1952

	1952 (11 Mos.)	1953 (11 Mos.)	INCREASE $	DECREASE $	INCREASE %	DECREASE %
TOTAL - WHOLESALE TRADE	483,826,506	516,033,537	32,207,031		6.66	
Automotive Accessories, Equipment and Supplies	84,229,180	91,423,481	7,194,301		8.54	
Drugs	7,108,726	7,486,329	377,603		5.31	
Dry Goods	27,568,393	28,546,022	977,629		3.55	
Electrical Appliances & Radios	40,114,176	44,504,911	4,390,735		10.95	
Furniture	3,455,350	3,991,696	536,346		15.52	
Groceries (including Fruits and Vegetables)	149,033,701	157,584,355	8,550,654		5.74	
Hardware	63,698,438	65,853,400	2,154,962		3.38	
Lumber and Building Supplies	40,056,627	45,321,144	5,264,517		13.14	
Paints and Varnishes	6,272,076	6,920,991	648,915		10.35	
Paper	8,477,409	8,681,280	203,871		2.40	
Tobacco	15,966,621	16,405,552	438,931		2.75	
Miscellaneous	37,845,809	39,314,376	1,468,567		3.88	

RETAIL TRADE - ALBERTA

PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1952, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1952.

	1951 (12 Mos.)	1952 (12 Mos.)	1952 (10 Mos.)	1953 (10 Mos.)	PERCENTAGE (10 MONTHS)	
					INC.%	DEC.%
	$	$	$	$		
TOTAL - RETAIL TRADE	854,785,000	944,123,000	765,460,000	802,435,000	4.83	
Grocery and Combination Stores	103,129,000	113,824,000	93,348,000	97,872,000	4.85	
Meat Stores	16,496,000	14,612,000	11,935,000	11,921,000		.12
Country General Stores	59,437,000	61,949,000	50,068,000	50,495,000	.85	
Department Stores	86,414,000	96,319,000	72,228,000	78,040,000	8.05	
Variety Stores	9,914,000	11,433,000	7,999,000	8,873,000	10.93	
Motor Vehicle Dealers	199,274,000	219,791,000	182,824,000	184,005,000	.65	
Garage and Filling Stations	41,322,000	50,186,000	42,899,000	48,388,000	12.80	
Men's Clothing Stores	13,401,000	16,037,000	11,646,000	11,957,000	2.67	
Family Clothing Stores	13,778,000	11,809,000	8,930,000	9,572,000	7.19	
Women's Clothing Stores	12,226,000	15,529,000	12,041,000	14,231,000	18.19	
Shoe Stores	4,458,000	5,319,000	4,205,000	4,510,000	7.25	
Hardware Stores	25,035,000	27,889,000	22,093,000	23,469,000	6.23	
Lumber & Building Material Dealers	47,316,000	51,838,000	42,715,000	47,622,000	11.49	
Furniture Stores	8,822,000	11,042,000	8,563,000	8,852,000	3.37	
Appliances and Radio Stores	12,395,000	17,051,000	12,894,000	(b)	-	
Restaurants	37,569,000	40,760,000	33,990,000	33,233,000		2.23
Coal and Wood Dealers	1,104,000	702,000	555,000	(b)	-	-
Drug Stores	17,610,000	19,544,000	15,608,000	16,351,000	4.76	
Jewellery Stores	6,956,000	7,679,000	5,181,000	(b)	-	-
Tobacco Stores	1,905,000	2,088,000	1,669,000	(b)	-	-
All Other Trades	136,224,000	148,722,000	124,069,000	131,118,000	5.68	

(a) Any slight differences between totals and their components are due to the rounding of the figures and to figures being withheld to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(b) Not Available.

(1) Source: Retail Trade Vol. XXV. No. 10, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

PREVIOUS-CALENDAR-YEAR-STATISTICS

			1951 (12 Months)	1952 (12 Months)	INCREASE	DECREASE	PERCENTAGE	
							INC.%	DEC.%
AGRICULTURE:								
Agricultural	- Production	Gross Value $.	762,049,000	804,511,000	42,462,000		5.57	
Wheat	- Production	Bush.	152,000,000	172,000,000	20,000,000		13.16	
		Value $.	229,520,000	266,600,000	37,080,000		16.16	
Other Grains	- Production	Bush.	249,074,000	259,700,000	10,626,000		4.27	
		Value $.	221,275,000	239,798,000	18,523,000		8.37	
Forage Crop Seed etc.	- Production	Value $.	4,859,000	6,013,000	1,154,000		23.75	
Potatoes	- Production	Bush.	2,354,000	3,256,000	902,000		38.32	
		Value $.	4,049,000	4,884,000	835,000		20.62	
Sugar Beets	- Production	Tons.	349,194	480,000	130,806		37.46	
		Value $.	5,007,000	7,200,000	2,193,000		43.80	
Fodder-Crops	- Production	Tons.	2,166,400	2,275,700	109,300		5.05	
		Value $.	38,357,000	35,149,000		3,208,000		8.36
Wool	- Production	Lbs.	1,612,000	1,908,000	296,000		18.36	
		Value $.	1,080,000	687,000		393,000		36.39
Honey & Wax	- Production	Lbs.	4,500,000	4,900,000	400,000		8.89	
		Value $.	569,000	618,000	49,000		8.61	
Animals Slaughtered and Sold		No.	2,014,668	2,651,288	636,620		31.60	
		Value $.	178,674,000	169,930,000		8,744,000		4.89
Dairy Products	-	Value $.	47,308,000	45,655,000		1,653,000		3.49
Poultry Products	-	Value $.	28,525,000	25,141,000		3,384,000		11.86
Fur Farming	-	Value $.	2,826,000	2,836,000	10,000		.35	
NATURAL RESOURCES:								
Mineral	- Production	Total Value $.	168,144,211	197,333,166	29,188,955		17.36	
Forestry	- Production	Total Value $.	18,054,000	19,700,000	1,646,000		9.12	
Fisheries	- Production	Total Value $.	862,327	942,888	80,561		9.34	
Fur (Wild Life) (July 1 to June 30)	- Production	Total Value $.	2,530,978	1,765,849		765,129		30.23
TRADE AND INDUSTRY - GENERAL:								
Wholesale Trade	-	Gross Sales $.	490,000,000	550,000,000	60,000,000		12.24	
Retail Trade	-	Gross Sales $.	854,785,000	944,123,000	89,338,000		10.45	
Manufactures	-	Total Value $.	458,281,384	489,000,000	30,718,616		6.70	
Construction	- Contracts Awarded	No.	5,019	6,166	1,147		22.85	
		Total Value $.	183,075,100	232,332,800	49,257,700		26.91	
Building Permits	- (7 Cities)	No.	9,867	13,014	3,147		31.89	
		Total Value $.	66,437,396	100,085,129	33,647,733		50.65	
Defence Contracts Awarded		No.	170	114		56		32.94
		Total Value $.	13,318,538	27,014,090	13,695,552		102.83	

LABOUR REVIEW

Alberta Summary for Period Ending 1st November, 1953

(Source: Labour Gazette, Volume 53, No. 11, November, 1953)

Seasonal activity in the Prairie region decreased sharply in the month of October. The down turn was confined primarily to agriculture and was partially off-set by an increase in other activities. Non-agricultural activity continued at a high level, the year to year rate of increased employment exceeding that of other regions. Much of the increase is accounted for by new Industries in Alberta where many plants are now almost completed. Owing to the unusually fine weather the harvesting of more than 600,000,000 bushels of wheat on the Prairies was completed by the middle of October. The disposal of this near record crop is now one of the more pressing problems. The early completion of the harvest eliminated existing labour shortages on the Prairies but no local surpluses had developed by November 1st. As of November 1st, 1952, four areas still had labour shortages.

Employment in Edmonton, Calgary and Winnipeg was higher than last year by 8%, 4% and 3% respectively. During the month the labour supply in Edmonton increased sufficiently to eliminate shortages but activity remained at the highest level of any area in the region.

Changes during the month included the movement of Red Deer from the shortage of labour to the balanced category although the demand for labour eased substantially. The amount of construction work to be done before the winter prevented the accumulation of labour surpluses in any area. Because of the slow movement of grain there was a noticeable reduction in retail trade in many areas, particularly among farm implemtnt dealers.

Employment and Payrolls

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics collects monthly data from firms, usually having 15 or more employees. Data are requested for all classes of employees, irrespective of their functions in the business; statistics for the owners are not included. Employees engaged in agriculture, government, and educational services are excluded. Wages represent gross earnings before deductions for unemployment insurance, taxes, pension funds, etc. are made. They also include the cost-of-living bonus, made at frequent intervals. They exclude value of board and lodging, employers' contributions to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and pension and welfare funds as well as bonuses paid at irregular or infrequent intervals such as annual bonuses and retirement gratuities. The following tables compare the employment and wage situations as at 1st of October, 1953, with that existing one year earlier in the main non-agricultural industries of the province of Alberta. Figures for the cities of Calgary and Edmonton are shown as well.

At OCTOBER 1, 1953, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1952

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported.
	Oct. 1 1952	Oct. 1 1953	Oct. 1 1952	Oct. 1 1953	Oct.1 1953
Mining	120.2	118.3	72.32	75.69	18,269
Coal	76.6	66.5	65.65	57.99	5,370
Oil and Natural Gas Wells	184.3	189.6	75.55	82.98	11,565
Manufacturing	128.8	132.7	54.25	57.89	26,677
Food and Beverages	126.7	128.7	50.44	52.45	9,451
Meat Products	111.4	114.2	60.28	63.51	3,629
Wood Products	111.0	106.6	47.10	49.70	2,805
Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries	100.9	101.3	53.84	58.82	1,148
Iron and Steel Products	158.1	149.6	62.47	66.85	2,721
Transportation Equipment	155.4	162.6	55.73	61.03	4,727
Non-Metallic Mineral Products (j)	113.4	120.6	52.54	57.04	1,868
Products of Petroleum and Coal	137.0	138.9	76.99	80.34	1,331
Construction	195.6	208.2	60.28	67.54	22,404
Buildings and Structures (k)	224.5	225.8	65.82	73.98	13,499
Highways, Bridges and Streets	156.9	186.1	52.98	57.78	8,905
Transportation, Storage, Communication	119.0	123.3	58.45	62.80	25,623
Steam Railways	110.9	114.1	61.15	66.72	15,266
Electric and Motor Transportation (p)	132.3	144.7	59.36	62.37	3,697
Storage	119.3	117.1	50.72	52.51	2,704
Trade	121.7	125.7	47.84	50.64	24,767
Wholesale	124.4	128.2	52.59	54.88	8,939
Retail	120.4	124.4	45.10	48.24	15,828
Service	110.6	131.1	35.95	37.97	7,067
Hotels and Restaurants	108.1	127.1	35.62	37.64	4,879
Industrial Composite	128.0	134.7	56.27	60.12	134,038

(j) Abrasive, asbestos, hydraulic cement, clay, glass, lime and gypsum, stone, concrete and miscellaneous non-metallic products.
(k) Buildings and structures, other construction, and special trade contractors.
(p) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; services incidental to transportation, and other transportation.

Source: Employment and Payrolls, October, 1953.

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EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS (Continued)

Employment, Payrolls and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, CALGARY and EDMONTON by Industries at OCTOBER 1, 1953, as Compared with Corresponding date in 1952.

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Oct. 1 1952	Oct. 1 1953	Oct. 1 1952	Oct. 1 1953	Oct.1 1953
CALGARY					
Manufacturing	123.2	124.7	58.57	63.17	9,391
Foods and Beverages	115.5	112.6	57.23	60.15	2,824
Transportation Equipment	144.9	153.3	55.83	63.10	2,803
Construction	189.2	187.6	58.38	60.58	3,885
Wholesale Trade	119.3	122.8	52.36	54.88	3,836
Retail Trade	120.2	122.1	46.09	49.96	6,095
Industrial Composite	126.1	134.0	53.52	57.30	32,711
EDMONTON					
Manufacturing	135.3	141.5	56.71	60.23	10,464
Foods and Beverages	116.0	119.3	56.30	59 35	3,616
Meat Products	112.0	118.5	59.61	62.33	2,426
Construction	197.1	216.3	68.27	76.25	8,515
Wholesale Trade	132.9	139.6	51.73	54.05	3,810
Retail Trade	121.8	127.8	44.64	47.97	7,054
Industrial Composite	141.2	151.0	54.96	59.15	37,995

SOURCE: Employment and Payrolls, October, 1953

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AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE-EARNERS IN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

AT OCTOBER 1, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING DATE IN 1952

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported
	Oct.1 1952	Oct.1 1953	Oct.1 1952	Oct.1 1953	Oct.1 1952	Oct.1 1953	Oct.1 1953
			¢	¢	$	$	
Coal Mining	36.1	30.4	179.3	182.7	64.73	55.54	4,584
Oil and Natural Gas Production	43.8	43.8	164.2	169.9	71.92	74.42	4,504
Manufacturing	39.6	39.4	131.9	141.3	52.23	55.67	19,218
Foods and Beverages	36.8	36.2	128.3	135.8	47.21	49.16	6,674
Meat Products	38.0	38.2	147.7	155.7	56.13	59.48	2,588
Transportation Equipment	40.0	39.8	136.1	151.7	54.44	60.38	3,812
Buildings and Structures (h)	40.7	42.2	160.8	176.4	65.45	74.44	10,695
Electric and Motor Transportation (i)	42.1	40.7	134.7	145.4	56.71	59.18	2,225
Service (j)	43.4	42.3	82.3	83.7	35.72	35.41	3,737

Source: Man Hours and Hourly Earnings, October 1, 1953.

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(h) Buildings and Structures; other construction; special trade contractors.
(i) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation; other transportation.
(j) Hotels and restaurants; laundries; dyeing; cleaning and pressing business and recreational services.